

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	: St. Goar et al.	Art Unit	: 3738
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Title	: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR CARDIAC VALVE REPAIR		

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 1, 2006
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of November 1, 2006, setting forth a Requirement for Restriction, Applicant elects, without traverse, the species of claim 43. Claims 1, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14-18, 43, and 51 – 61 read on the elected species.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.